

Fall Ideal Time for Planting Trees and Shrubs in Texas

PLANTING TIPS



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Select the right species for your location. Pick one that will grow well in your part of the state and make sure it has plenty of room to grow.



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Handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. Remove the plant from the container. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole.



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Backfill the hole, using only the soil removed from the hole; do not use soil amendments. Water the plant thoroughly to settle the soil and eliminate air pockets.



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Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring, and even then, go lightly because fertilizer may burn and injure the roots.



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Dig a hole two to three times wider, but no deeper, than the root ball. Plant the tree or shrub slightly higher than the surrounding soil to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.



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Soak the root ball and surrounding soil. After planting, water thoroughly every seven to 10 days. More frequent watering may encourage root rot.



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Add four to six inches of mulch around the base to help conserve soil moisture.

